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Man Sentenced to 11 Years in Prison For DUI Crash That Left Girl Paralyzed

A convicted drunken driver has been sentenced to 11 years in state prison for hitting two girls in a crosswalk in Elysian Valley, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Konstanty Makowski, 65, of Los Angeles was sentenced yesterday to the maximum term by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Ronald Rose and ordered to pay a total of \$30,000 in restitution.

Deputy District Attorney Saeed Teymouri said two girls, ages 12 and 7, were walking in a crosswalk on Sept. 7, 2012 when Makowski's vehicle struck the two children. The younger girl suffered severe brain and spinal injuries, leaving her blind and paralyzed, the prosecutor said. The elder victim had facial and hip fractures.

In May, a jury found Makowski guilty of one count each of DUI causing injury and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol causing injury. Makowski had been previously convicted of four DUIs.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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